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BOSTON, MA - A former Medford man was convicted yesterday, in U.S. District Court of conspiracy to possess cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Warren T. Bamford, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation - New England Division, announced that **ROBERT C. LUISI**, age 46, formerly of Medford, was convicted by a jury sitting before U.S. District Judge William G. Young of drug charges.

Evidence presented during the nine-day trial proved that **LUISI** was a Capo Regime, or lieutenant, in the Philadelphia Family of La Cosa Nostra, commonly known as the mafia, and that he and his crew operated in the Boston area. An undercover FBI agent successfully infiltrated **LUISI'S** crew and recorded numerous conversations relating to illegal activity including principally sales of cocaine. Recordings played for the jury evidenced **LUISI** orchestrating drug sales. **LUISI** was convicted of conspiracy to distribute cocaine during the period February 1999 through June 28, 1999 and distribution of cocaine on April 30 and June 3, 1999. In 2002, **LUISI** was tried and convicted on these same charges. The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit reversed that conviction and ordered a new trial.

LUISI faces a mandatory minimum term of 10 years' imprisonment up to a maximum of life imprisonment on the conspiracy charge and a maximum of 20 years' imprisonment on the distribution charges, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. Judge Young scheduled sentencing for May 8, 2008.

U.S. Attorney Sullivan said, "**LUISI'S** conviction is the direct result of outstanding work by the F.B.I. in investigating this case, both in the District of Massachusetts and in Philadelphia. The case should serve as a cautionary tale for any organized crime groups that might be tempted to test the waters in Massachusetts. The consequences will be severe."

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation - New England Field Division. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Ernest S. DiNisco and Natasha Tidwell of Sullivan's Organized Crime Strike Force/Gang Unit.

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